

**S/N: 10/782,741**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Sercel et al

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of April 5, 2006 in the above-identified application.

A one month extension, from December 5, 2006 until January 5, 2007, is requested.

The fee for the extension of time is \$60.00 and is to be paid by Credit Card. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

Respectfully submitted,

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